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Topics for Research on Problems Resulting  
from the 20th CPSU

I. Khrushchev's Speech

- A. Determination of the factual accuracy of Khrushchev's speech, including compilation of all available evidence to spotlight whatever falsifications exist and reasons for falsification. A systematic analysis of major omissions in the category of Stalin's misdeeds, including mass repressions from 1934-1937, deportations, inherent inhumanities of the collectivization program, anti-semitism, and major errors in foreign policy.
- B. An analysis of the background of the personalities who were rehabilitated in this speech or as a result of the speech in order to determine whether selection was based on specific criteria.

II. De-Stalinization Program

- A. Analysis of the reasons for the de-Stalinization program and evaluation of its results. What were the expectations of the Soviet government in terms of internal and foreign reaction? Have these expectations been fulfilled?
- B. Analysis of the effects of liberalization measures with respect to:
  - 1. Sino-Soviet Bloc
  - 2. Neutral nations (India, Indonesia, Middle East)
  - 3. Communist Parties in the Free World

III. Soviet State

- A. In the evolution of the Soviet state, what factors and/or individuals were responsible for Soviet achievements in view of presently existing contradictions which:
  - 1. Place blame on Stalin for excesses and evils, yet deny he is entitled to exclusive credit for major successes of the Soviet state during the past 40 years?

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2. Claim that credit for all the successes of the Soviet state belong to the Communist Party, yet admitting the Party lacked initiative and authority and that the Party leadership was helpless during Stalin's rule?
- B. Analysis of the nature of the Soviet system as a source of Stalin's tyranny and its justification, with emphasis on the features which initially facilitated the rise of Stalin and which still offer no guarantee that this aspect of the system will not reappear.
- C. Analysis of the exercise of power by the collective leadership, indicating how it essentially is as undemocratic as Stalinism, to evaluate the thesis that one-man leadership is inherent in the Soviet system.
- D. Comparison of recent examples of purges and changes in the Party line with similar changes in the Stalinist era. To what extent can these modifications be ascribed to the influence of a new generation of leaders?

IV. Effects of the Espousal of National Communism on International Communism

Will the Soviet state be in a position to insure that the National Communist Parties will accept Leninism as the guiding ideological theory in their development?

- A. Analysis of the evolution of Marxism-Leninism in Yugoslavia and identification of essential divergencies from Soviet pre-imposed 20th CPSU Congress views.
- B. Contradiction in the endorsement of national Communism in the rapprochement with Yugoslavia and rejection of Western Communist criticism by the 30 June Central Committee resolution.